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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment in response to the Advisory Action dated January 14, 2000. Kindly amend the application as follows.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the specification as follows.

Please cancel the insertion of material on page 32 after line 32 requested in the Response dated December 14, 1999.

Page 33, line 3, after "plasmids" kindly insert -pETA489270C (ATCC 98449, deposited at American Tissue Culture